

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: HEARTLAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF IOWA, d/b/a HICKORYTECH	DOCKET NOS. SPU-00-8 TF-00-153
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**ORDER APPROVING CHANGE OF BUSINESS NAME, AMENDING
CERTIFICATE, AND APPROVING TARIFFS**

(Issued September 18, 2000)

On June 12, 2000, Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa (Heartland) filed an application requesting that the Utilities Board (Board) amend its certificate of convenience and necessity to reflect the business name of HickoryTech. The filing has been identified as Docket No. SPU-00-8. Heartland filed a copy of a fictitious name resolution from the Iowa Secretary of State showing that Heartland is authorized to do business as HickoryTech. Heartland states that the change of its business name will have no change in service or in the ownership of the company, which remains independent and separate from other HickoryTech entities.

On June 21, 2000, Heartland filed proposed tariffs with the Board, which reflect the addition of the new business name. The tariffs have been identified as TF-00-153.

The Board finds that the change in the business name of Heartland will be approved. The name change will not affect service to Heartland customers. In

addition, the Board will approve the proposed tariffs filed by Heartland and amend Certificate No. 0171 to reflect the new business name.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The request of Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa to amend its certificate of convenience and necessity to reflect the new business name of HickoryTech is approved.
2. An amendment to Certificate No. 0171 is being issued concurrently with this order.
3. The tariffs filed by Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa on June 21, 2000, are approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr. /s/ Diane Munns
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18th day of September, 2000.